

REMARKS

Responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated July 21, 2005, Applicants submit herewith a new listing of the claims in this application. This amendment is intended to correct any errors in the claim listing supplied in the "Amendment in Response to Non-final Office Action" dated May 12, 2005. Pursuant to MPEP 714.03, only the corrected claim listing is supplied herewith.

While the Office Action dated November 12, 2004 ("the Office Action"), under the heading "Election/Restrictions," states that claims 11, 12 and 14-26 are withdrawn as being directed to non-elected subject matter, Applicants understand the Examiner to have intended to withdraw claims 11, 12 and 14-30 from further consideration, as indicated on page 1 of the Office Action. The status identifiers of the claims presented herewith reflect this understanding.

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1 and 3-30 are pending. Claims 1, 5, 7-8 and 10 have been amended to correct obvious typographical errors and to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter Applicants regard as their invention. Claim 2 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Support for the amendments can be found throughout the specification. No new matter has been added.

Amendment or cancellation of any claim herein is not to be construed as acquiescence to any of the rejections/objections set forth in the instant Office Action, and was done solely to expedite prosecution of the application. Applicants make these amendments without prejudice to pursuing the original subject matter of this application in this application or a later filed application claiming benefit of the instant application,

including without prejudice to any determination of equivalents of the claimed subject matter.

Conclusion

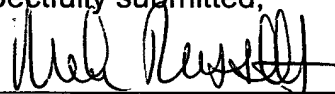
In view of the above amendments and the arguments presented in the "Amendment in Response to Non-final Office Action" dated May 12, 2005, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. Should any of the claims not be found to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call Applicants' undersigned representative to discuss the application. Applicants thank the Examiner in advance for this courtesy.

The undersigned requests any extension of time necessary for response. The Director is hereby authorized to charge or credit any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 04-1105, under Order No. (50551) 60636.

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